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APPLICATION OF:

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EXAMINER

JENNIFER I. HARLE

FOR:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REDUCING EXCESS CAPACITY
FOR RESTAURANTS AND OTHER INDUSTRIES DURING OFF-
PEAK OR OTHER TIMES

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as set forth below.

Applicants present a **clean version** of all pending claims in **Attachment A**.

Please amend claims 1-5, ~~25~~-29, and 33 as follows:

1. A method for enabling one or more users to request incentives to dine at one or more user selected restaurants, the method comprising the steps of:

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